

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT
MANAGEMENT IN LEON COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the County's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of September 2005, by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, adopts the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management in Leon County.
2. Employees of Leon County response agencies will complete the required NIMS training appropriate to their level of assigned responsibilities, and maintain that level of training by certification within the timeframe to be established by the Federal requirements for NIMS.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

**Cliff Thael, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners**

ATTEST:

**Bob Inzer, Clerk of Court
Leon County, Florida**

BY: _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Leon County Attorney's Office**

BY: _____

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